

CLAIMS

1. An apparatus for gauging a dimension of an object, the apparatus
2 comprising:

a wall having a generally flat front surface facing in a first direction and a
4 peripheral edge;

spaced graduations on the wall relative to which a dimension of an object
6 placed in front of the wall can be gauged;

a surface on the wall which reflects an image of an object located in front
8 of the wall; and

at least one of i) a depiction of at least one of a) an animate object; b) an
10 inanimate object; and c) a scene; ii) at least one word; iii) a design; and iv) a logo
on the wall and viewable from in front of the wall in conjunction with the spaced
12 graduations and a reflective image from the surface on the wall,

wherein the wall is formed so that the shape of at least a portion of the
14 peripheral edge is at least nominally matched in shape to a shape of at least a
portion of the at least one of i) a depiction of at least one of a) an animate object;
16 b) an inanimate object; and c) a scene; ii) at least one word; iii) a design; and iv)
a logo .

2. The apparatus for gauging the dimension of an object according to claim 1 wherein the wall has a length extending in a vertical direction and a width and the graduations allow gauging of the height of an object located in front of the wall.

3. The apparatus for gauging the dimension of an object according to claim 2 wherein the length of the wall is substantially greater than the width of the wall.

4. The apparatus for gauging the dimension of an object according to claim 1 wherein the wall comprises a first layer having a front and rear and at least a portion of the at least one of i) a depiction of at least one of a) an animate object; b) an inanimate object; and c) a scene; ii) at least one word; iii) a design; and iv) a logo is applied to the rear of the first layer and viewable through the first layer at the front of the first layer.

5. The apparatus for gauging the dimension of an object according to claim 4 wherein the first layer comprises a clear plastic material.

6. The apparatus for gauging the dimension of an object according to claim 5 wherein the first layer has a thickness between the front and rear of the first layer that is in the range of .04-.12 inches

7. The apparatus for gauging the dimension of an object according to claim 4 wherein the rear of the first layer is coated with a first material that is viewable through the first layer and reflects an image of an object located in front of the first layer.

8. The apparatus for gauging the dimension of an object according to claim 7 wherein the first material comprises aluminum.

9. The apparatus for gauging the dimension of an object according to claim 7 wherein the first material comprises a metal material that is applied in a vacuum chamber.

10. The apparatus for gauging the dimension of an object according to claim 7 wherein the wall comprises a second layer applied at the rear of the first layer so that the first material and the at least one of i) a depiction of at least one of a) an animate object; b) an inanimate object; and c) a scene; ii) at least one word; iii) a design; and iv) a logo resides between the first and second layers.

11. The apparatus for gauging the dimension of an object according to claim 10 wherein the second layer has a front and rear and a thickness between the front and rear of the second layer that is in the range of .04-.12 inches.

12. The apparatus for gauging the dimension of an object according to claim 10 wherein the second layer comprises High Impact Polystyrene.

13. The apparatus for gauging the dimension of an object according to claim 10 wherein the second layer is secured to the first layer through a pressure sensitive adhesive.

14. The apparatus for gauging the dimension of an object according to claim 1 wherein the portion of the peripheral edge is formed through laser cutting.

15. The apparatus for gauging the dimension of an object according to claim 1 wherein the apparatus has a front and rear with a thickness between the front and rear of the apparatus and an areal extent and the apparatus has a substantially uniform thickness over substantially the entire areal extent of the apparatus.

2 16. The apparatus for gauging the dimension of an object according to
claim 1 wherein the portion of the peripheral edge is non-straight.

2 17. The apparatus for gauging the dimension of an object according to
claim 1 wherein the wall has a height and a width and first and second sides
spaced in a widthwise direction and the portion for the peripheral edge on the first
4 spaced side of the wall has a non-straight configuration over more than one-half
the height of the wall at the first spaced side.

2 18. The apparatus for gauging the dimension of an object according to
claim 1 wherein the wall has a nominally squared shape with four transverse edge
portions and one of the transverse edge portions has a first length and a running
4 length of the one transverse edge portion is substantially greater than the first
length.

2 19. The apparatus for gauging the dimension of an object according to
claim 1 wherein the at least portion of the peripheral edge has adjacent contiguous
portions which extend generally along first and second transverse lines, the first
4 and second lines defining an acute angle.

20. The apparatus for gauging the dimension of an object according to
claim 1 wherein there is at least one opening through the wall, the opening fully
surrounded and capable of receiving a fastener to facilitate mounting of the wall
to a support.

21. An apparatus for gauging a dimension of an object, the apparatus
comprising:

a wall having a generally flat front surface facing in a first direction and a
peripheral edge;

spaced graduations on the wall relative to which a dimension of an object
placed in front of the wall can be gauged;

a surface on the wall which reflects an image of an object located in front
of the wall; and

at least one of i) a depiction of at least one of a) an animate object; b) an
inanimate object; and c) a scene; ii) at least one word; iii) a design; and iv) a logo
on the wall and viewable from in front of the wall in conjunction with the spaced
graduations and a reflective image from the surface on the wall,

the wall comprising a first layer and a second layer, the first layer defining
the flat front surface,

the at least one of i) a depiction of at least one of a) an animate object; b)
an inanimate object; and c) a scene; ii) at least one word; iii) a design; and iv) a

logo located between the first and second layers so as to be viewable from in front
18 of the wall through the first layer.

22. The apparatus for gauging the dimension of an object according to
2 claim 1 wherein a reflective coating is applied to the second layer over the at least
one of i) a depiction of at least one of a) an animate object; b) an inanimate object;
4 and c) a scene; ii) at least one word; iii) a design; and iv) a logo to allow an image
of an object located in front of the wall to be viewable through the first layer.

23. A method of forming an apparatus for gauging a dimension of an
2 object, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a first layer with a front and a rear;

4 forming at least one of i) a depiction of at least one of a) an animate object;
b) an inanimate object; and c) a scene; ii) at least one word; iii) a design; and iv)
6 a logo on the wall and viewable through the first layer at the front of the first layer;

coating the rear of the first layer with a first material that is viewable through
8 the first layer and capable of reflecting an image of an object located in front of the
first layer;

10 providing graduations on the first layer relative to which a dimension of an
object placed in front of the first layer can be gauged; and

12 cutting the first layer to define a peripheral edge wherein a shape of at least
a portion of the peripheral edge is at least nominally matched in shape to a shape
14 of at least a portion of the at least one of i) a depiction of at least one of a) an
animate object; b) an inanimate object; and c) a scene; ii) at least one word; iii) a
16 design; and iv) a logo.

24. The method of forming an apparatus for gauging a dimension of an
2 object according to claim 23 further comprising the step of applying a second layer
at the rear of the first layer and the step of cutting the first layer comprises
4 simultaneously cutting the first and second layers.

25. The method of forming an apparatus for gauging a dimension of an
2 object according to claim 24 wherein the step of applying the second layer
comprises bonding the second layer to the first layer through a pressure sensitive
4 adhesive.

26. The method of forming an apparatus for gauging a dimension of an
2 object according to claim 23 wherein the step of coating the rear of the first layer
comprises vacuum coating the rear of the first layer with a first material that
4 comprises metal.

27. The method of forming an apparatus for gauging a dimension of an
2 object according to claim 24 wherein the step of simultaneously cutting the first
and second layers comprises simultaneously laser cutting the first and second
4 layer.

28. The method of forming an apparatus for gauging a dimension of an
2 object according to claim 23 wherein the step of coating the rear of the first layer
comprises coating the rear of the first layer over the at least one of i) a depiction
4 of at least one of a) an animate object; b) an inanimate object; and c) a scene; ii)
at least one word; iii) a design; and iv) a logo.